PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.**

**(Postponed from Tuesday, October 24, 2017)**

# City Hall Conference Room

301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Deputy City Clerk Roxane Cramer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Espich, Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Nell Anne Hebekeuser, Rick Morris, and Randy Woodworth.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Jerry Hebekeuser and Nick Seabasty

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager**,** Donald Crawford, via telephone.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 25, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: ADD POLAR PLUNGE AS ITEM #1, REMOVE # 7, PICKLEBALL COURT AND REPLACE WITH SCOUT TREE PLANTING AND ADD RAILS TO TRAILS UPDATE AFTER #8 CONCRETE CHILDREN’S PLAY.**

 **MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS**

 **AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR SEPTMEBER 27, 2017.**

 **MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

City Manager Crawford joined the meeting via telephone.

Chairman Espich asked City manager about clarification on the name of the Adams Street Park in the Parks and Recreation Plan, noting that in the plan it refers to it as Eagle Scout Park ( Parks and Rec Commission recommended it remained Adams Street Park and the field would be named Eagle Scout Field). City manager thanked him for noticing that and would make the appropriate change.

**BUSINESS:**

**Polar Plunge**

Commissioner Woodworth suggested making it a Plunge only and concentrating on plungers and donations.

Commissioners discussed the date of the plunge and set March 17, 2017 as the date for the Polar Plunge.

**Parks and recreation plan**

City manager Crawford reported that they are getting the Parks and Recreation Plan ready for the public hearing November 20, 2017 for council approval. Chairman Espich asked Commissioners to attend that council meeting if possible.

**Disc Golf Update**

City manager stated he had done a tour of the Disc Golf Course and it looks good. Chairman Espich reported the pads need to be laid and asked the city manager about getting the course done. The city manager agreed it needed to get it finished and have an official kick off day.

**Adams Park--Eagle Scout Field**

City Manager Crawford reported he had talked to Dakota today and kick off will be at 1p.m. on Sunday, October 29, 2017, He also reported that the neighborhood party will be from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

**Skate Park application**

City manager Crawford reported that the application is in and everything has been done that can be.

**Skate Park Renovation**

City Manager Crawford reported he is trying to get the current skate park sand blasted, welded and painted.

**Patronicity Program**

Commissioners reported they are waiting on the results of the grant application.

**Scout tree planting**

City Manager Crawford reported that the city has ordered some trees and the scouts could plant some of the trees.

Vice Chair Selbig will reach out to the scouts and check to see if they want to plant the tree at the soccer fields or Hopkins Lake.

**Concrete children’s play**

City Manager Crawford suggested putting the concrete play area at the soccer field for the younger children to play on. Commissioners all agreed that it would be a good idea.

**Rails To Trails**

Commissioner Morris gave an update on the Rail Trail. He stated that State Representative Benjamin Frederick found out the city owns a parcel along the trail. He has also cleared the way on the Consumers Energy right of way. State Representative Frederick is still working on the western most part that the railroad owns. He reported that on November 13, 2017 at 2 p.m. they will meet at the library for a short meeting. After the meeting they plan to drive out to the trail and walk a portion of it.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioners agreed to next meet on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:56 P.M.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH**

**ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**